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PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS.

According to the Republican papers the coming presidential campaign will be waged upon four issues. First, the administration policy in the Panama matter; second, the attitude towards corporations taken in the Northern Securities case; third, the attitude toward labor shown in the Miller "open shop" case; fourth, the attitude toward differences between capital and labor taken in the settlement of the great coal strike. Upon the first President Roosevelt has already the endorsement of the whole country and the backing of a large section of the Democrats. Upon the second he has the endorsement of the people at large but the opposition of Wall street. Upon the third it was supposed he would have the opposition of the labor unions, but he weathered that storm and established a principle in which they have acquiesced, and upon the fourth he has again the endorsement of the country at large.

Of course the President's opponents may force other issues, notably tariff revision, but that will not come up in this Congress and will therefore be unlikely to form a strong plank in any opposition platform. An issue might be made upon the presidential attitude with regard to the Russo-Japanese war, for one cannot tell what may happen, or what developments may take place within the next few months, and there are people who pretend to regard the President as "unsafe" in such matters. But the administration has already shown a keen appreciation of the situation, and Secretary Hay's note with regard to the neutralization of China is on record as a brilliant and safe piece of diplomacy.

More and more certain does it become that neither Root, Taft or Fairbanks will be even put in nomination against Roosevelt. It looks now as a certain sweep for Roosevelt. Indeed as has often been pointed out things always seem to play into his hands, even while his opponents are gloating over what they hope will be a fatal political mistake. The Panama Canal matter was a case in point. The opposition papers fairly raved over the matter, and Morgan dropped venom and gore from his gnashing jaws. And now there is nothing to say. The affair has been accomplished brilliantly, and it stands as one of the best moves of the administration, while the whole country acquiesces and applauds the skill with which it has been carried through.

RISE OF CANE SUGAR.

In the opinion of the Sugar Planter's Journal, the world has entered on a new era in respect to the production of cane sugar. That authority says that during the past five years the world's output has increased from 3,000,000 to upward of 4,000,000 tons, quantitatively the greatest gain ever made in any five-year period in the history of the industry. Cane sugar, which in 1899-1900 constituted only about 35 per cent of the world's total sugar production, had increased in 1902-03 to 42 per cent, and preliminary estimates for 1903-04 indicate about the same proportion for this year. Moreover, for the first time in a half century the ratio of increase in the world's production of cane sugar has exceeded that of sugar made from beets, the percentage of increase in the former product for the five years being 400a against that of the latter.

According to recent commercial estimates for the years 1899-1900 to 1903-04, the world's production of cane sugar, as compared with the output of beet sugar, has been as follows, estimates for the present season being preliminary and subject to revision during the progress of the season, the figures given being in tons of 2,240 pounds:

	Cane Sugar.	Beet Sugar.	Total.
1903-04	4,342,800	6,083,000	10,425,800
1902-03	4,118,059	5,761,000	9,879,059
1901-02	4,070,282	6,933,859	11,004,141
1900-01	3,657,416	6,123,377	9,780,793
1899-1900	3,030,303	5,590,912	8,621,215

As regards the production of cane sugar, the four years from 1900-01 to 1903-04, inclusive, were each in its turn record-breaking years. The previous high record crop (3,530,000 tons) was that of 1894-95, the crop made just before the outbreak of the revolution in the most important producer, Cuba—an event to which more than to any other cause it was due that the world's annual output of cane sugar for the four succeeding years remained steadily below 3,000,000 tons.

The high record crop in the history of the world's beet sugar production was that of 1901-02. Since the date there has been a decline in production in Europe, amounting in all to about 1,000,000 tons, but the present year's estimate output still shows a considerable increase over that of five years ago.

From a geographical point of view the lines of division between cane sugar producing countries and beet sugar producing countries are probably more distinctly drawn than is the case between two varieties of any other crop, so that as a general rule knowledge of the source of a sugar determines its kind. As beet sugar is entirely a continental product, so cane sugar is chiefly an insular one; and about 70 per cent of the cane sugar of the world is now annually produced on tropical and semi-tropical islands. By far the leading single producers, whether insular or continental, are the widely separated islands, Cuba and Java, their prospective output for 1903-04 constituting 45 per cent of the world's cane sugar. Next in the order of their importance as producers are the Hawaiian Islands; the group of islands under various flags commonly known as the West Indies, the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, their combined production for 1903-04 promising about 20 per cent of the world's total. (It should be noted, however, that statistical knowledge of sugar production in many of the West Indies and the Philippines is limited to exports.) The balance of the world's insular output of cane sugar is made in Mauritius, Reunion and the Fiji Islands, which, taken together, produce about 5 per cent of the world's cane sugar. It is apparent that something like three out of every four tons of cane sugar manufactured in the world is of insular origin and produced on territory where sugarbeet cultivation is unknown.

The prevailing characteristic of the remaining, that is, of the continental cane sugar producing areas of the world, is that they are littoral; most of the continental cane sugar countries border upon tropical or semi-tropical seas. In Europe, the great beet sugar producing continent of the world, cane sugar is produced only in Spain, and there to the annual extent of only about 28,000 tons. In Africa the one country that appears in the world's sugar statistics is Egypt, whose annual crop of cane sugar is put at about 90,000 tons. In Asia—from a statistical point of view, however, largely a dark continent—there are records of exports of about 15,000 tons annually from British India and of about 7,000 tons annual production in Siam. In Australia there is an output of about 90,000 tons in New South Wales and about 20,000 tons in Queensland. It is evident that the aggregate cane sugar output of the above mentioned continents is limited. Their total output amounts to but little over 5 per cent of the world's crop.

The great continental cane sugar producing territory of the world is the littoral of the western hemisphere. On the eastern coast cane producing lands are found distributed over a territory extending from Louisiana on the north through Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, the Guianas and Brazil to the northern island provinces of Argentina, on the opposite side of the equator; on the Pacific side of the areas of

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principal production are along the coast of Peru and in Mexico. The total annual continental output of the western hemisphere usually amounts to about 1,000,000 tons, or, in round numbers, to about one-quarter of the world's crop; the chief producers, in the order of their importance, being Louisiana, Brazil, Peru and British Guiana, Mexico and Argentina.

The prospects for cane sugar are thus very brilliant, and there seems no reason why there should not be a further increase in the output, seeing that the demand for cane sugar is increasing. The United States is essentially a cane sugar consuming country, and one may look to the time when beet sugar will be rejected for cane sugar. This will not occur in Europe, but it is very likely to occur in the Western Hemisphere. With a market like that of the mainland free to us, Hawaiian cane sugar will always hold a commanding place, and will afford wealth to the capitalist and competence to the engineers, mechanics and others who are employed in its manufacture and cultivation.

George Davis is keeping up a hard fight to get back to the bar. He affords amusement to the onlookers at the courts if he does nothing else.

The Japanese at the Coast expect to raise \$500,000 towards the expenses of the war, and a very substantial sum has been collected and forwarded from here. The Russians in the United States have no such patriotic feelings. They do not subscribe any money, but they are most anxious to become American citizens to avoid any pains and penalties that might ensue if they returned to their own country after the war.

Some of these days it is quite possible that we shall hear of great activity among the Nihilists. With the Russian reverses will come discontent, and discontent is the fertile field of Nihilism. Russia has probably reached a crucial point in her career, and may begin to crumble into powerlessness for many years to come. An unwieldy mass is very apt to disintegrate under reverses when there is nothing like constitutionalism to weld it together.

Nearer and nearer are the opposing land forces approaching one another. An attack by Russian cavalry upon Japanese infantry has proved a failure. Cavalry at the present time is only good for scouting and for following up a broken enemy. With repeating rifles no cavalry can ever reach well-drilled infantry.

Ratifications having been exchanged between the United States and the Republic of Panama, the President has proclaimed that the treaty is in effect, and the Panama strip becomes United States property as long as the Republic shall last.

Admiral Walker is very properly at the head of the Panama Commissioners

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As far as salaries are concerned the Treasury met its indebtedness yesterday. The financial stringency can be met if only some one of financial skill sets his mind upon it.

The reports of the various sugar plantations continue to show that they are in a flourishing condition and are in far better shape than the pessimists supposed. The showing has given stocks an upward tendency.

The Russians screwed up their courage sufficiently to attempt an attack upon the Japanese outside of Port Arthur. It appears to have been a somewhat feeble attempt for the squadron of three ships and four torpedo boats was driven back with the loss of one torpedo boat sunk, and one cruiser in a sinking condition. This will probably be the last naval effort of Russia from Port Arthur. It would not be surprising if the Russians dismantled their remaining ships and then blew them up to prevent them falling into Japanese hands. The Russians evidently have made no improvement as sailors since the time of the Crimean war.

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